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SHELTERS TO TSUNAMI AFFECTED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to construct temporary shelters for those Tsunami affected victims in Andaman and Nicobar Islands who have lost their belongings and rendered homeless;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people to be allotted such accommodations;

(d) whether the work is likely to be completed before onset of the Monsoon;

(e) whether the victims will be provided infrastructure for starting their livelihood afresh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): 40,650 (approx) persons are to be accommodated in 10,100 intermediate shelters. As per present plan of construction, the intermediate shelters would be ready before the onset of monsoon. Government has approved a special package of Rs.821.88 crore for Andaman and Nicobar Islands which, inter alia, provides for revival of fishery and agriculture sector, relief, employment and sustenance allowance. The Tsunami affected persons have also already been provided with farm implements, carpentry/blacksmith tools, household articles and employed in various employment generation programmes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Considering the future requirement of population, apart from temporary shelters, permanent houses have also been envisaged in a well planned manner with provision for schools, hospitals, health centres, play grounds and office premises for Tribal Council.